

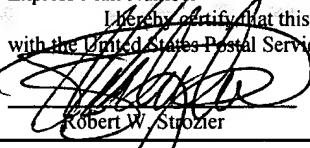


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APPLICANT: SOHOCKI § EXAMINER: SHIBUYA, ML  
SERIAL NO: 09/765061 § GROUP ART UNIT: 1639  
FILED: 01/17/2001 § DOCKET: 25630/16UTL  
FOR: MUTATIONS IN A NOVEL §  
PHOTORECEPTOR-PINEAL GENE ON 17P CAUSE §  
LEBER CONGENITAL AMAUROSIS (LCA4) §

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RESPONSE TO 12 SEPTEMBER 2006 NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Examiner ML Shibuya:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated 12 September 2006, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks:

SUMMARY OF NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Claims 1-27	pending
Election/Restriction	Examiner rejected inclusion of all - unpersuasive
Claims 1-2 and 29-30	102(e) as being anticipated by Yeung et al (6,864,314).
Claims 3-28 and 31-40	103(a) as being unpatentable over Yeung et al (6,864,314).